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For: High Strength Detachable
Cylinder-To-Plate Joint for Tables,
Furniture and other Static Structures

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RESPONSE

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above referenced matter is Applicant's Amendment in Response to the Office Action mailed 3/29/04.

In the Office Action dated 03/29/2004, Claims 1, 2 & 16, all the claims remaining in the application, were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gagne, US Patent # 1,342,951. Prior art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon include Schwartzback, US Patent 6,585,447; Reynolds, US Patent # 5,956,917; and Collins, US Patent # 5,772,356.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant has amended Claim # 1 as follows for clarification:

1. A high strength detachable cylinder-to-plate joint comprising:
a base plate;
a connecting disk [detachably attached to a base plate] having an exterior threaded surface and one or more holes within the radial body of the disk for receiving attachment means for attaching the disk to the plate;
a cylinder having an annular end [with an abutment surface]; and
a threaded connection in the interior of the annular end for detachably attaching the [annular end] cylinder to the connecting disk [so that the abutment surface abuts the base plate] wherein the attachment means are interiorly received by the cylinder.